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Dear Alice Park.

Mar
"Corn in Egypt! That is -
stamps in your letter, just arrived,
for which many thanks. Now I can get
off a line to say, "three parcels are leaving
on Saturday", when I shall have a bit of cash
for a few hours, and will be able to go to
the P.O. with them. Temporary financial
embarrassment, as well as terrible pain,
thanks to the recent rains and humidity,
have held me up. I have a tea table
parcel for Edith too, so I shall "buy
a taxi" and get them all off together.
I feel "green with envy" at E.H.'s handwriting,
but I doubt if it would be as perfect if she
had had a father like mine standing over
her, beating her principles with a ruler,
and thoroughly upsetting her nervous
system and making her hate writing.
Please don't judge me by the "junk" that is
coming, some of it is Elisabeth's, other things,
especially the soiled Paul Stewart photos,
were given me and I hated to destroy
them.

I have put in one of me, selling the
B.B.R. when I get to looking through
my old theatrical pictures I'll see if there
anything of the "fighting period" worth sending.
Talking of B.B., I hear their headquarters
on Madison Ave is like going into
Rockefeller's. And their head man
gets \$10,000 a year while his assistant
gets \$5,000. And Anna (who is with
Holland Ranters in L.A.) and I used to
save every bit of string and wrapping
paper that could be used again. Had
M.S. used to express her appreciation
of Anna and me and say that neither
should ever want for anything while
she had anything. Get she "riangled"
us both out of the organization, at
least in my case her Board were
more to blame, becoming so
scientific and "respectable" that
they objected to the B.B.R. remaining
on the streets. I have only learned since
I returned from England in 1931,

(Margaret
Sanger)

That Mrs Delapfield's husband had at least one Catholic client, O'Shea of the Board of Education, who no doubt brought pressure to bear to get the Review off the street through Mrs Delapfield's influence on the Board, just as he had the B.C. Exhibit thrown out of Central Palace the night before the opening in 1928, I think. There was a chance for Mrs S to fight the Church and her reactionary Board, but she knuckled under to power and money. And though she set out to have the B.C. laws amended, not one has been amended, all they've been satisfied with are Cant Rulings to the effect that information may be given by a physician to cure or prevent disease. And when the R.C.s are strong enough, they closed the clinics that functioned on the strength of those rulings, as they have done in Mass. and Conn. You know how hard they tried

to close the clinic here, but ^{luckily}
with the strength of the doctors behind it,
they did not succeed in N.Y. State.
But if ever they elect a sufficient
number of R.C. officials, they'll
be able to veto it out, just as the
B.S. Board voted the B.C.P. off the street.
Excuse me ranting a little this, but
when I think back, I could kick myself
for being such a devoted idiot!

Regarding the Viola Kaufman legacy,
I expect M.S. used that for her clinic.
She's put a very nice ^{thin} bronze plaque
in memory of Kaufman in the
vestibule of the clinic. I am glad you
kept B.C. records out there. The Library
on 5th Ave at 42 St. has all the Reviews,
and M.S. and others are sure to have
kept every thing of importance. I gave
my bound copies of the Review to Anna as
she had a home to keep them in. I have all
clippings on myself in an album. I've been
writing this off and on all afternoon and evening.
This is the third day with an evening thunder
storm. Two days ago it rained all day.
Good night.
With love
Shirley